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SUBJECT: INFRASTRUCTURE CEILING AND COST SHARING FOR 1975-79 PERIOD

1. NETHERLANDS DEP PERM REP BUWALDA CALLED ON DCM ON 29 MAY AND PRESENTED FOLLOWING AIDE-MEMOIRE: (FILE 3654), DATED 29 MAY 74, SUBJ: NEXT 5-YEAR INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM. QUOTE:

1. THE NETHERLANDS DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE, ACTING AS CHAIRMAN OF AN INFORMAL DISCUSSION GROUP CONSISTING OF DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES AND/OR INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISERS OF ALL DELEGATIONS EXCEPT U.S., U.K. AND FRANCE, HAS BEEN CHARGED BY THIS GROUP TO APPROACH THE U.S. MISSION TO NATO IN ORDER TO SOLICIT YOUR COMMENTS AND, IF POSSIBLE, YOUR AGREEMENT TO A DRAFT PROPOSAL CONCERNING THE NEXT 5-YEAR INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMME.

AS A RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THESE DELEGATIONS, THIS PROPOSAL IS DEEMED TO STAND A FAIR CHANCE OF BEING ACCEPTABLE TO THE GREAT MAJORITY OF NATIONS PARTICIPATING IN NATO INFRASTRUCTURE, SUBJECT TO OFFICIAL INSTRUCTIONS THAT SOME DELEGATIONS ARE AWAITING FROM THEIR CAPITALS TO CONFIRM THEIR POSITION.

2. THE DRAFT PROPOSAL IS ATTACHED TO THIS AIDE-MEMOIRE. IT CONSISTS OF AN INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMME OF 450 MLM IAU, UNCLASSIFIED

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INCLUDING SPECIFIC PROJEGTS FOR AN AMOUNT OF 30 MLN IAU, TO WHICH THE U.S. SHARE WOULD BE 26,67 PER CENT. AS YOUR ALREADY KNOW, THE FIRM GERMAN POSITION IS THAT, MAINLY FOR POLITICAL REASONS, THEY DO NOT WISH TO CONTRIBUTE A HIGHER PERCENTAGE

TO INFRASTRUCTURE THAN THEIR MOST POWERFUL ALLY. FURTHERMORE IT IS THE UNANIMOUS FEELING OF THE GROUP THAT A REDUCTION OF THE U.S. PERCENTAGE FROM 29,67 PER CENT TO ABOUT 20 PER CENT WOULD CREATE AN UNBRIDGEABLE GAP, MAINLY IN VIEW OF THE BUDGETARY DIFFICULTIES IN MANY NATO NATIONS AND ALSO BECAUSE OF THE VERY DELICATE POSITION OF THE U.K.

3. DELEGATIONS HAVE POINTED OUT THAT THEIR AGREEMENT TO THIS PROGRAMME WOULD BE ON CONDITION, THAT ALL NATIONS PARTICIPATING IN INFRASTRUCTURE COULD ACCEPT IT. THAT IS THE REASON WHY THEY CONSIDER A FAVOURABLE U.S. REACTION OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE, NOT ONLY TO FACILITATE AFFIRMATIVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEIR CAPITALS, BUT ALSO IN ORDER TO CONFRONT THE U.K. WITH A NEAR UNANIMOUS POSITION, WHICH MIGHT BE OF CONSIDERABLE HELP TO THIS COUNTRY IN ITS EFFORTS TO CONTRIBUTE TO AN ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION.

#### WORKING PAPER

INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMME OF 450 MLN IAU INCLUDING PROJECTS FOR 30 MLN IAU, TO BE SPECIFIED E.G. IN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.

	&	AMOUNT IN MLN IAU	REMARKS
BELGIUM	5,55	24,975	
CANADA	6,31	28,395	PERCENTAGE UNCHANGED (SEE DPC/D(74)8)
DANMARK	3,70	16,650	
GERMANY	26,36	118,620	
GEREECE	0,80	3,600	
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ITALY	7,93	35,685	
LUXEMBURG	0,21	0,945	
NETHERLANDS	5,10	22,950	
NORWAY	3,12	14,040	
PORTUGAL	0,37	1,665	
TURKEY	1,32	5,940	
UK	12,56	56,520	AT PRESENT UK IS NOT WILLING TO

TOTAL	100,00
PER CENT	450,000

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2. MISSION COMMENTS ON PROPOSAL FOLLOW SEPTTEL.  
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